

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR MEETING
May 8, 2023 ---- 10:00 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS ON THIS THE 8th day of May, 2023 the Commissioners' Court in and for Tyler County, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting at the Commissioners Courtroom in Woodville, Texas, the following members of the Court present, to wit:

MILTON POWERS	COUNTY JUDGE, presiding
JOE BLACKSHER	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #1
DOUG HUGHES	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #2
MIKE MARSHALL	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #3
BUCK HUDSON	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #4
DONECE GREGORY	COUNTY CLERK, Ex-Officio

The following were absent: none thereby constituting a quorum. In addition to the above were:

JACKIE SKINNER	COUNTY AUDITOR
LEANN MONK	COUNTY TREASURER
BRYAN WEATHERFORD	SHERIFF
RENE CREWS	DISTRICT CLERK
TRISHER FORD	JUSTICE OF PEACE, PCT, #1
KEN JOBE	JP, PCT. #2/Emergency Mngt Coordinator
JIM MOORE	JUSTICE OF PEACE, PCT. #4
CASEY WHITWORTH	CONSTABLE, PCT. #2
TERRY ALLEN	JUVELILE PROBATION OFFICER
SONDRA WILLIAMS	TYLER COUNTY HOSPITAL ADMN.

After calling the meeting to order, Judge Powers invited anyone offended by the court's practice of an invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to step out in the hall and return after the conclusion of the pledge. The invocation was delivered by Sheriff Weatherford. Commissioner Hughes led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: **Kay Timme**, director of Alan Shivers Library, updated the court on activities and requested notification of budget workshops. **Rene Crews** introduced employee, Morgan Martin, being hired November 2022. **Anthony Ross** requested to be considered for the Constable #4 position, reminding he had lost the election by only one vote.

TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: **Commissioner Hughes** motioned to table consideration of the Interlocal Agreements with Chester ISD and the City of Chester, until review by outside counsel. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to remove from tabled -amend the **Tyler County Airport Hanger Agreement**. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes. **Commissioner Marshall** motioned to amend the **Tyler County Airport Hanger Agreement**:

- from user fee of \$25 per month annually to 25 cents per square foot annually
- from a 20-year lease with 10 year renewal clause to a 10 year lease with a 10 year renewal clause

Commissioner Blacksher seconded the motion. Commissioner Blacksher suggested a 16 cent per sq. foot with an incremental increase in two years, considering his constituents. Commissioner Marshall stated that would be lower than the \$350 yearly now collected and quantified to stay with the 25-cent rate. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hughes and seconded by Commissioner Marshall to receive the minutes of April 10, 2023. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Marshall made a motion to receive the monthly reports from the **Juvenile and Adult Probation Departments, County Clerk, District Clerk, County Auditor, County Treasurer, Justice of Peace#1 and County Extension**. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

PROCLAMATIONS/RESOLUTIONS/ORDERS:

Judge Powers gave accolades to Sondra Williams for the wonderful job she does for the Tyler County Hospital. He read aloud a proclamation to the board members and employees present. **Commissioner Hudson** motioned to proclaim May 7th through 13th as **National Hospital Week in Tyler County**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED PROCLAMATION

CONSIDER/APPROVE/INFORMATIONAL:

Budget amendments/line item transfers were not presented

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to approve the **accounts payable/county bills**, as submitted by the County Auditor. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to fill the vacancies on the **Tyler County Historical Commission** by adding John P. Hadnot, Ola Morris, Jan Borel and Lyn V. McMillan to the roster. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Hudson motioned to approve the candidate, Amanda Howard, for the vacant **Tyler County AgriLife AG position**. She will start on June 1st, paid by AgriLife for training, and start in Tyler County on July 1st. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to approve the Cooperative Agreement with **Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service**. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to renew the 2023 maintenance agreement for secure signatures with **Tyler Technologies**. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** to renew the 2023 Interlocal Contract between the Tyler County Clerk's office and the **Department of State Health Services (DSHS)** to access the Texas Electronic Vital Events Registrar (TxEver) for the purpose of the issuance of remote birth certificates. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hudson**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** to approve the request for a variance from Section 3.3(c) of the **subdivision regulations** to allow a private road to be constructed over a pond dam in **Lakeland Ranch Section Six**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall**. Commissioner Blacksher read the recommendation for the record. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to grant a conditional approval **Lakeland Ranch Section Six**. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. Detcog road change form and bond would need to be filed before the plat can be approved. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED RECOMMENDATION

Commissioner Marshall motioned to accept the recommendation of the County Judge for usage of the judge's office at the nutrition center to the Tyler County Historical Commission. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hughes**. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Blacksher** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to adopt the new **tax abatement guidelines**, with corrections. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to advertise for bids for a service agreement of **fire extinguishers, fire detection and fire suppression systems**, as recommended by Ken Jobe. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to advertise for bids for maintenance of county owned **emergency generators**, including testing of generators, as recommended by Ken Jobe. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve the **NetData/i3 Verticals (CAD/RMS/JMS)** to InterOp migration (\$31,399.00) and purchase of **PowerEdge R550 server** for SSI/i3Verticals InterOp databases. **Commissioner Hughes** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall motioned to accept the resignation of Zach Zachary, **Constable Precinct 4**. **Commissioner Blacksher** seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to appoint Anthony Ross as **Constable Precinct 4** to fill the vacancy. Commissioner Hudson added that Mr. Ross had only lost by one vote and felt it only fair that he be appointed to finish the term. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hudson** and seconded by **Commissioner Blacksher** to appoint Rena Moore as Commissioner to the **Emergency Services District #6 (Fred)**. Commissioner Hudson added that Ms. Moore was an integral part of the Fred community. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Blacksher motioned to approve the change-order for extra plaster repairs on the renovation of the **Courthouse**. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall**. Bricks that are broken will be replaced. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Marshall motioned and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to allow the **Tyler County Historical Commission** to set up a historical display in room 102 of the courthouse. Ms. Timme will include a letter from the county judge in office at the time the courthouse was built. All commissioners voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve reimbursement of **travel expenses** for FCH Agent, Shannon Benton for license renewal and ANFP conference. **Commissioner Hudson** seconded the motion. Commissioner Blacksher thanked Ms. Benton for using her license for the nutrition program. All commissioners voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED.

COMMENTS BY COURT MEMBERS PERTAINING TO MATTERS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT: Commissioner Blacksher and Judge Powers reported the completion of the renovations of the courthouse exterior is expected to be end of August 2023. District court will reconvene May 12th due to construction. Commissioner Blacksher reported the cost of a meal is \$2.54 to the county for the nutrition program. Persons are donating prizes for bingo at the nutrition center. Commissioner Marshall stated that road and bridge money was not being used to work on the courthouse, as rumored. Grant funds from the Texas Historical Commission are being used due to assistant from Senator Robert Nichols and James White.

Executive Session: Not held

A motion was made by Commissioner Hudson and seconded by Commissioner Blacksher that the meeting adjourn. All voted yes.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED- 10:47 a.m.

I, Donece Gregory, County Clerk and ex officio member of the Tyler County Commissioners Court, do hereby certify to the fact that the above is a true and correct record of the Tyler County Commissioners Court session held on May 8, 2023.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 18th day of May, 2023.

Attest: _____
Donece Gregory, County Clerk